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BY TELEGRAPH.

LIVES AND PROPERTY

Several Deaths and Serious Losses by This Morning's Fires.

BOSTON PUPILS PANIC STRICKEN

Thirteen Were Seriously Injured—The Blaze Was Slight—Explosion of Gasoline Causes Five Deaths—\$75,000 Loss in Gloucester.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
Boston, Feb. 19.—A fire broke out in the Everett school building this morning and caused a panic among the pupils. Several police ambulances were quickly at the scene, and within a few minutes injured victims were on their way to the city hospital.

The fire was only a slight one and was extinguished without much damage being done.

Cleveland, Feb. 19.—Eight people were terribly burned in the Polish quarter this morning by the explosion of a gasoline stove. Five of the injured ones will die.

Gloucester, Feb. 19.—A fire which threatened to be one of the most disastrous ever known here broke out at 7 o'clock this morning in the Webster block in this city. By hard work the firemen prevented the flames from reaching the buildings adjoining the Webster block. The loss may reach \$75,000.

EMPEROR WILLIAM DISPLEASED

With England's Refusal to Aid in Coercing Greece.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

Berlin, Feb. 19.—The newspapers of this city reflect bitter resentment felt by Emperor William at the rejection by the Marquis of Salisbury of his Majesty's personal proposal to coerce Greece by a joint blockade by fleets of the powers of the Piræus, in order to check the warlike demonstrations of Greece.

The National Zeitung pointedly charges Great Britain with attempting to disturb the peace of Europe.

INTEREST PLAINLY LACKING.

Monetary Conference Still Advocates Are Surely Distressed.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

Washington, Feb. 19.—Advocates of the international monetary conference still were greatly disappointed at the result of the meeting of a committee called for today.

Not a quorum was present and no one was so good as to address the committee on the subject. The meeting adjourned until tomorrow, but there is not much hope that there will be a quorum then.

GREEK ARTILLERY PERSISTENT.

Muslim Volunteers Are Dispatched to Repel the Christians.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

Canea, Feb. 19.—The garrison at Fort Voukolos, comprising 300 soldiers and 100 Cretan Muslims, after being dislodged by the Greek artillery, retired to Alithiani where the Greek force beleaguered them.

The government has armed a large number of Muslim volunteers, who have been started to rescue their company from the religiousists.

GARY OF MARYLAND.

Another Name Suggested for McKinley's Postmaster General.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

Baltimore, Feb. 19.—Private dispatches received here today leave no room for doubt that James A. Gary of this city has been tendered the position as postmaster general by President McKinley. Mr. Gary left this city last night and, although he would not admit it, his closest friends say he went to Canton, having been called there by Mr. McKinley, in connection with the postmaster generalship.

LATER.

Canton, Feb. 19.—3.45 p. m. James A. Gary of Baltimore, who had been in consultation with McKinley for several hours gave out the following: "Mr. McKinley tendered me a portfolio in the cabinet."

While indefinitely settled which one, I am assured there will be one which I can accept."

Transvaal Raid Investigations.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

London, Feb. 19.—The South African inquiry committee appointed by parliament to investigate the causes of the Transvaal raid, resumed sessions today at Westminster hall. Koen public interest is manifested in the proceedings. Sir Harcourt continued the examination of Cecil Rhodes, the former premier of Cape Colony.

Senator Wolcott Much Encouraged.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

London, Feb. 19.—Senator Wolcott arrived here from Berlin today. In an interview he said: "I wish to say to those interested in the United States that I am much encouraged with the result of my mission. I have good reason to believe that it will have some of the results hoped for."

New Jersey Chief Justice Dead.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

Trenton, Feb. 19.—Mercer Beasley, a chief justice of the supreme court of New Jersey, died at 8 o'clock this morning at his home in this city from pneumonia, which was superinduced by grippe from which he had suffered for the past three months.

Industries Being Renewed in Cuba.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Dupuy De Lome, the Spanish minister, has received the following telegram from the president of the chamber of commerce in Havana: "Sugar plantations in the larger manufacturing district are grinding from the cane. The railroads and telegraphic communications are now regular."

Boer Republic's Claim for Damages.

London, Feb. 19.—Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, in the course of discussion in the house of commons of the claim made by the South African republic for indemnity for damage sustained by the raid of Dr. Jameson and his followers into the Transvaal, said that the Boer government claimed for material damage \$577,938, and for moral and intellectual damage, £1,000,000.

Applications for Non-Resident Offices.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The flood of applications which are pouring in for offices which do not yet exist in the new congressional library building is becoming alarming. No appointments of any kind, it is declared, can be made before next July, so that it is useless to send recommendations to members of congress who are hard pressed by so many public duties at this time.

Czar Against Anti-Turkish Agitation.

Sofia, Feb. 19.—M. de Tscharykoff, the Russian diplomatic agent, has informed the government that the czar desires that the Bulgarians shall not help the agitation in Macedonia against the Turks, and that the Bulgarian authorities shall not allow bands to cross from their country into Macedonia to aid the malcontents there.

University Student Missing.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 19.—John McGuire of Worcester, Mass., a student at the Ottawa university, is missing. He left the university about a week ago, and so far all efforts to ascertain what has become of him have been fruitless. The young man's parents have been informed of his disappearance.

Ryan Must Serve His Sentence.

Trenton, Feb. 19.—The supreme court has overruled the exceptions noted for the defendant in the trial of Michael Ryan, king of the green goods men, who was tried and convicted in Bergen county. Ryan has been at liberty under \$7,000 bail. Under this decision his conviction stands.

Investigating Pennsylvania Departments.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 19.—At the investigation of the management of the departments of the state treasurer and auditor general by a legislative joint committee, commenced yesterday afternoon, the line of inquiry was preliminary and will form the basis of future questioning.

Smallpox at Pensacola Navy Yard.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The navy department has received a telegram announcing a case of smallpox at the Pensacola navy yard, and Acting Secretary McAdoo promptly authorized the expenditure of \$300, if needed, to erect a temporary hospital there.

Greeting Sent from Houston.

Boston, Feb. 19.—The Boston Athletic association, which was represented at the Olympic games, has cabled the following to King George of Greece: "We greet the trouble in Crete; 'Bea wishes for success. Zito Elias.'"

Death of John C. Matthews.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 19.—John C. Matthews, founder of the Ancient Order of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, died here. Deceased was born in Maryland and was 79 years of age.

FINANCIAL.

New York Market.

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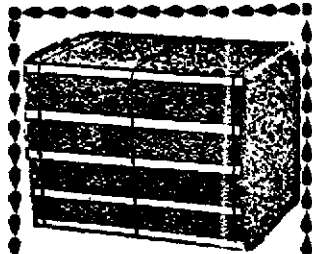
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assistant surgeon at the New York Hospital and New
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Cycling Sports

FOREIGN WHEEL NOTES.

Charles Bardon has challenged Jim-
mie Michael to a 50 kilometer race.
Cyclists in Denmark are compelled to
dismount and walk down hills or risk
being fined.

The bicycle is coming into use in Scot-
land as a means of conveyance to the
football matches.

Lord Battersea is one of the directors
of a new stock company for the promo-
tion of cycling racing in London. The
company has been registered with a
capital of £30,000.

The English are heralding a canta-
lever bicycle which weighs less than 18
pounds and is said to be as strong as the
average wheel of today. It has not yet
appeared, however.

There is in Paris an international
band of bicycle thieves who have ware-
houses for the storage and sale of bicy-
cles in all the large towns of Europe. A
bicycle stolen in one place is sent to an-
other.

An Englishman with a stiff leg, due
to an old accident, has had a bicycle
built for him with the right pedal crank
loose, the pedal on that side acting as a
stirrup. He declares that he is able to
ride long distances without fatigue.

A battle of flowers on bicycles is the
latest amusement in Nice. The competi-
tors are obliged to ride on wheels deco-
rated with blossoms, and in a basket on
other receptacle placed on each machine
flowers for pelting purposes will be
placed.

Mr. Bancroft, the actor, took to cy-
cling in 1893, and since then he has al-
ways taken his bicycle on tour with
him. Last summer he rode down the
steep Majola pass, in the Engadine, the
summit of which is 1,000 feet above the
bottom.

A Funny Exhibit.
One of the funniest things at the re-
cent national cycle show in London was
a patent handle warmer, a perforated
metal article, trumpet shaped and made
to go in the hollow ends of a handle
bar. Heat is generated in the handle by
means of a specially prepared cartridge,
which will give out sufficient heat to
keep the hand warm for three hours,
while a warming pad was also shown
for attaching to the handle bar as a kind
of auxiliary apparatus. The curious
thing about the contrivance is that no
provision is made for fixing the warmer
in the handle bar. The article is merely
stuck in like a cork, and, being tapered,
it threatens to tumble out at the least
jar. The inventor apparently overlooked
the fact that there are now very few
open ended handle bars, so that the
ready adaptation of his device seems
purely imaginary, and the practicability
of it is very much open to doubt.—Eng
ish Cyclist.

The Nonstopper Tire Cover.
An authority on wheeling says that
the objections to the use of nonstopper
covers on pneumatic tires are so trifling
and the advantages so great that every
tire should be furnished with them, as
there is a great tendency of wheels to
slip sideways on roads made of granite,
limestone, etc. It is also more im-
portant to treat the front wheel in this
way, as the danger of slipping is great-
est there. The driving wheel is not sub-
ject to such sharp turns as the steering
wheel, and, while it is advisable to
have protection on both wheels, it is
most needed on the front one.—New
York Post.

His Gear Case Ablaze.
A cyclist who had his wheel fitted
with a celluloid gear case came to grief
recently. He was riding along a country
road, when he found his leg getting
hot. Upon looking down, he found his
gear case in a blaze. The fire was caused
by friction between the chain and the
case due to bad fitting.—New York
Post.

TROTTERS IN DEMAND.
Harnessed Horse Values Are on a Very High
Plane.
It has been a long time since trotting
horse values were on an ascending plane
as they now are. During a recent New
York sale some Boston men sought out
L. J. Tewkesbury and made him an offer
of \$25,000 for John R. Gentry,
which offer was quickly refused. Not
long ago it was announced that Peter
Duryen had made an offer of \$30,000 for
a stallion to place in the stud with
Patched Wilkes and onward at Patchen
Wilkes farm. Afterward Mr. Duryen
learned the report and said that the
stallion he offered that amount for was
Allerton, \$30,000. It is said that C. W.
Williams, the owner of Allerton, offered
to take \$35,000 for the son of Jay Bird
on condition that he be allowed to breed
ten of his mares to him this season. A
New Yorker who thought he would like
to own the stallion William Penn,
\$20,734, journeyed over to Phoenixville,
Pa., where the little horse is owned,
and tried to buy him, but was surprised
to learn that no offer short of \$20,000
would be considered. The pairing sta-
tion Star Pointer, \$20,934, has also been
the subject of the good, round offer of
\$16,000, which was refused by his own-
er.

The fact that three stallions could
have been sold for an amount aggregat-
ing \$71,000 shows that there are men
who have faith in the future of the har-
ness race horse.—Buffalo Express.

Mitchell's Mirth.
Since James Sarsfield Mitchell has
permitted himself to assume the propor-
tions and avoidances of his excellency
the president of the United States there
have sprung into existence a myriad of
satirists for the weight throwing cham-
pionship of America. The University of
Pennsylvania has a new and promising
dark horse. Georgetown university is
said to possess one still darker, and it is
whispered that the Knickerbocker Ath-
letic club of New York will furnish a
surprise next fall. Mitchell, contrary to
belief, is still young and should bask
himself.—New York Journal.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in
Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY

Balcom Won.

The final in the billiard tournament at
the Hooner club was played Thursday
evening between W. V. Balcom and Paul
Moorey. The former won by a score of
100 to 28. The prize, a fine ivory tipped,
and jointed cue with cover, was
given the winner. Mr. Bal-
com was easily the best player in the
tournament having made the largest run
14, a good score for three-ball billiards.
Peter P. Smith defeated E. L. Hull at pool
65 to 59. Several games of whist were
played.

Some Good Offers.

Peter McBride of Rensselaer has re-
ceived some good offers from a number of
prominent sports teams. Last season he
played with the Norwich Conn. nine and
did excellent work. At the latter part of
the season when he returned home it will
be remembered that his work in the box
for the Rensselaer and other county teams
was especially creditable. M. J. Finn,
manager of the Newport nine, has made
him one of the best offers and it is prob-
able he will accept as he has played there
before and likes the place.

An Enjoyable Evening.

Thursday evening about 30 couples from
this town enjoyed a sleighride to Clarence
Peters farm in East Cheshire, where a
most enjoyable evening was spent. Soon
after the party arrived at the farm house,
dancing commenced and was continued
until about 3 o'clock. All partook of a
good supper and on leaving thanked the
host and hostess kindly for the cordial
hospitality shown.

Division Speakers.

The fifth division of speakers for the
teachers' and Shaw medals, spoke at the
high school room this afternoon. The
speakers were, Misses Edna Bowen, Edna
Hammond, Adella Partridge and Chris-
tine Bonner. The result will be an-
nounced Saturday.

Real Estate Sales.

The Adams Power Company sold its
tenement block at Lyonsville to James O.
Maurer & Co., through the agency of J.
Byron Richmond purchased the Mary
Dunham property on Spring street for
\$2000.

Alert Ball Special Car.

The committee in charge of the Alert
ball which will be held in Armory hall
next Friday evening, February 23, has de-
cided to run a special car for the accom-
modation of those people who wish to at-
tend from North Adams. It will return
to North Adams at an hour which will
best suit the visitors.

Church Entertainment.

Rev. Fr. Gobeil is arranging for an
entertainment to be given in the parochial
school by the members of Notre Dame
church for the benefit of the church fund.
It will consist of a musical entertainment
and tableaux. Tickets are now on sale.
It will occur March 1.

Entertained at Whist.

Mr. and Mrs. George Follet of Rensselaer
very pleasantly entertained a few friends
from this town and North Adams at whist
Thursday evening. The first prizes were
won by Mrs. W. A. Ballou and Charles L.
Frank of North Adams.

Paul Mooney Edward McDowell and
William Walsley have applied for natu-
ralization.

A neat piece of handwork is exhibited
in the show window of J. C. Field on
Park street. It is a merry-go-round made
of wood by Gustav Walter of Rensselaer.

The whist club formed at Mr. and Mrs.
James Rensselaer's last week met with
Mrs. Henry L. Harrington Thursday
evening.

The W. W. whist club will meet with
Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Shaw Thursday even-
ing.

The Adams Whist club will be enter-
tained this evening by Mr. and Mrs.
Charles E. Lagale.

About 50 young people employed at the
Berkshire mills are arranging for a sleigh-
ride to Cheshire Monday evening.

A son was born Thursday to Mr. and
Mrs. Michael McAndrew of Columbia
street.

There will be plenty of sport at the
wrestling match at Koehler's Turn hall
this evening.

The sleighride and supper by the ladies
of Trinity Methodist church will take
place this evening. The ride will start
promptly at 7 o'clock for Cheshire.

Robert Vosberg is confined to the house
by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wells were in Savoy
Thursday to attend the funeral of a rela-
tive.

Miss Elsie Sykes returned Thursday to
her home in Rockville, Conn., after a
three weeks' visit at the home of her
uncle, Thomas W. Sykes.

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Hose Company's Annual Ball.

The Williamstown Volunteer Hose com-
pany will give its annual concert and ball
in the opera house Friday night, February
28. Good music has been engaged and
the boys will do all in their power to
make the occasion pleasant for their
guests. The price of admission, dancing
and supper will be \$1 per couple.

The drama deserves to be loyally sup-
ported in this enterprise. They give their
services freely in a work which is attended
with exposure, inconvenience and danger,
and also with expense, for it does not
take long to ruin a suit of clothes or a
pair of shoes at a fire. They have thou-
sands of dollars worth of property, and the
property owners of the village can well
afford to help them have a good time once
a year, and at the same time add a little
to their treasury. The sale of tickets de-
serves to be large.

To Give an Entertainment.

The Franco-American club will give an
entertainment in Houghton hall next
Thursday evening, February 25, to which
the Franco-American clubs of Adams and
North Adams will be invited. The pro-
gram will include selections by the Clu-
b's band, singing by the children of St.
Joseph's school, club singing by Mr.
Lynch of Lyonsville and other interesting
features. Refreshments will be served
and considerable time will be devoted to
general sociability to give the members of
the three clubs an opportunity to get
acquainted. The members of the club
will be admitted free. The entertainment
will be open to the public and an admis-
sion fee of 10 cents will be charged. A
pleasant evening is assured and there will
probably be a large attendance.

Horses for Real Estate.

Waterman & Moore have bought of
George H. Prindle a cottage near his farm
in Coleville, in part payment for which
he took two horses of Mr. Waterman and
one of Mr. Moore. All are good animals
and the "calico" which Mr. Waterman
owned, is one of the kind that does not
take the dust raised by any ordinary
roadster.

The Methodist Christian Endeavor so-
ciety will have a dance on this evening at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H.
Prindle. The party will be conveyed from
the church in sleighs or wagons and it
is probable a large number will go.
The sleighing is practically ruined al-
though some continue to scratch around
on runners.

Cyrus Ford is slowly recovering from
a long and dangerous illness and is now
able to ride out a little.

Work on Anna Belding's new wagon
shop on Cole avenue is going forward and
the building will be ready for use this
spring. It will be a fine structure.
Mrs. Belding lost a fine silk handker-
chief while on her way to the Methodist
church Wednesday evening and feels very
badly about it, the article being a wedding
gift.

The fourth of the series of private dan-
cing parties will be held in Grand Army
hall Monday evening, March 1.

Misses Winifred Mullen, Anna Whel-
den and Katherine Manning went to
Troy, N. Y., this afternoon and will at-
tend a reception given by Doring's dan-
cing class this evening. Saturday evening
given by Miss Foster, a cousin of Miss
Mullen, and will return home Monday
night.

F. E. Moore uses wooden gutters on his
remodeled building. They run made of
cypress and it is said they will last 40
years. The gutters are made so they form
the crown molding, and add to, instead of
detracting from, the looks of the build-
ing. They are far less liable to damage
from ice than metal gutters, which they
fast superseding in some places.

The next theatrical attraction will be
"The Man in the Iron Mask," which will
be presented by a touring company at the
opera house next Tuesday night.

People who attend the theatre in North
Adams should bear in mind that "The
Sunshine of Paradise Alley," which will
be seen at the Columbia Saturday night, is
one of the best attractions offered the
local public this season. It is one of Den-
man Thompson's plays and fully the
equal of "Josh Whitcomb" or "The Old
Homestead."

James Bridgeman of Freehold, N. J.,
formerly of this town, has been making a
brief visit here.

George Hayes, who was the boss car-
penter on St. Patrick's church, left Thurs-
day for his home in Syracuse, N. Y.

The social held at the Congregational
church Thursday evening by the Y. P. A.
C. B. was a very pleasant affair in all
respects.

BRAYTONVILLE.

Robert Vosberg is confined to the house
by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wells were in Savoy
Thursday to attend the funeral of a rela-
tive.

Miss Elsie Sykes returned Thursday to
her home in Rockville, Conn., after a
three weeks' visit at the home of her
uncle, Thomas W. Sykes.

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all forms of adulterations coming to the
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POWNA.

The "Birthday social" in the Baptist
vestry Wednesday evening was well at-
tended and quite a sum was made for the
society.

Morris Levy, Williams, W. will preach
in the Baptist church next Sunday morn-
ing. He will also lead the meeting in the
evening.

Rev. A. Welford of Pittsboro, N. Y.,
visited relatives in town yesterday.

Rev. E. L. Arnold attended the Presby-
terian institute in Williamstown.

Rev. McFarrell of Johnsonville was in
town yesterday.

Friday evening, February 26, there will
be a sugar eat and festival in the Baptist
vestry under the auspices of the Sunday
school.

The office of the old Lincoln carriage
works has been sold to E. L. LeBaron.

It was moved yesterday by four teams of
horses and placed on Mr. LeBaron's lot
on North church street. It will be made
a dwelling house.

BLACKINTON.

Mrs. Charles Gove of Schoenectady, N.
Y., is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hopkins will cele-
brate their golden wedding this evening
instead of February 26, as was first in-
tended. The celebration will be a private
one.

E. W. Blackinton is having his resi-
dence piped for steam heat. H. W. Bin-
nison is doing the work.

Clay's orchestra has been engaged to
furnish music for the F. M. T. A. social
Friday evening, February 26.

A meeting will be held this evening for
the purpose of arranging a baseball team
for the coming season. There is excellent
material to pick from, and under the
coaching of such players as Mackay of
last year's Hartford and Howells of
New England and New York state
teams, some of the neighboring teams
will have to look to their laurels. A
present all the home players who have
been playing on professional teams intend
to stay here this year.

WOODFORD.

Joie Gleason of North Adams is visit-
ing relatives.

Miss Nellie Miller of North Adams has
visited here.

Albert Gleason is through working in
Brooklyn and is at home here.

Mrs. William Mallory's mother has
come to live with her awhile.

One of Woodford's residents is a woman
that weighs over 300 pounds.

James Cutler will give a Sunday school
entertainment at the Union church Mon-
day evening, February 22.

Frank Bille of Bennington is driving
team for William S. Knapp.

M. S. Knapp has bought a span of
horses of H. J. Bagley.

Arthur Holmsted and wife have moved
to Bennington.

Herbert M. Sprague was called to North
Adams Saturday to attend the funeral of
his father, Marshall Sprague.

W. H. Billings had one of his fingers
badly jammed in his lumber mill. The
following day his son Arthur had a simi-
lar misfortune.

After an illness of ten days
Miss Sarah Knapp died of erysipelas
Thursday evening, February 11.

An estimable young woman has been
called away. Miss Knapp possessed rare
accomplishments that now she has gone
home, more vividly force themselves upon
the mind. She was one of the leaders in
Christian work and was a musician of
talent for a self-made woman. Her ber-
ber was liberally supplied with beautiful
flowers by the Christian Endeavor society
and Sunday school. The funeral was held
Monday afternoon at the residence of
her father, George W. Knapp, the Rev.
C. R. Seymour of Bennington attending.

Robert Morris Mallory and Nellie E.
Worthington were married February 10 at
the residence of the bride's brother and
sister Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coleman, at Ex-
sex Junction. They are now at the pa-
rents of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs.
William Mallory. Everybody wishes the
happy pair success in the journey of life.

W. H. Billings has a fine stock of logs
at his mill. Mr. Billings manufactures
dressed lumber and clapboards second to
no man in the state.

HARTWELLVILLE.

Mrs. Silas Mason has returned from her
visit in Massachusetts, New Haven and
New York state.

Miss Lucie Smith, daughter of Hiram
Smith, has been very sick but is some-
what better.

Miss Lucy Bellows, mother of W. S.
Bellows has been on the sick list for the
past week.

Mrs. E. B. Fuller is some better; she has
been very sick. She sits up some at this
time and has been out of her room a few
times.

Charles Allard of North Adams visited
his mother, Fred Allard of this place last
Saturday Sunday.

Miss Ivy Reed has finished her school in
Hartford. She gave her school a sleigh-
ride to Hartwellville Saturday.

Gilbert Gregory, who bought the Smith
house in this place, is at work repairing it.
He intends to make it a two tenement
house.

Charles E. Rice and Miss Emma J. Horn
were married Saturday by E. B. Fuller
justice of the peace.

CHARLEMONT.

James P. Hitchcock, Wayne Wheeler
and Fred Rice, all of Charlemont, charged
with breaking and entering a car of the
Fitchburg railroad at Charlemont, Febru-
ary 2, and taking coast, had a hearing
before the district court held in Greenfield
February 15. They were all bound over
to the grand jury at the April term of
court. Hitchcock and Wheeler were also
charged with entering the storehouse of
W. N. Potter & Co., and taking flour on
the evening of January 21. Not securing
bail they were committed to jail. Fred
Rice is out on bail.

Mrs. Joslyn, wife of Rev. W. R. Joslyn,
is visiting friends in Brattleboro, Vt.
E. U. Hawkes of Springfield is spending
several weeks with his son, Clinton.
The ladies of the Congregational society
held a pleasant social with Mrs. Brooks
McCloud last Wednesday afternoon and
evening.

Mrs. O. C. Avery and son Henry are
visiting friends in Holyoke.

SEARSBURG.

The harvest of Seaburg gave a dance
last Friday night to his friends at the har-
vest. In spite of the storm there was
quite a number present. Will O'Brien
furnished music and Harvey Fuller of
Dalton was prompter. Uncle Willard
served an oyster supper to his guests and
an enjoyable time is reported.

The sick are improving.
Congratulations are extended to Mr.
and Mrs. J. W. Marshall of Readboro on
the birth of a son.

Ellie Corbin of Jacksonville visited his
father, E. J. Corbin, Saturday and Sun-
day.

Miss Heather is at Bennington for a few
days.

Snow enough fell last Friday to need
the ploughs on the roads again.
J. C. Newton and son-in-law, Walter
Draper, were in town Monday.

Teams are hustling pulp wood to Moun-
tain mill from the Haines place.

LINE.

Through an error last week little John-
nie Galvin should have the credit of
winning the beans instead of his father
John.

As some may wish to know whether
that load of cream tipped over or not we
will say no, but the driver George Souder
had to work hard to prevent it, as it
would be a loss of about \$90 to him if it
had. Road needs raising there.

Last week James Babbitt fell while car-
rying a clock, falling upon it,

NORTH ADAMS MAIL.
Boston, East, and Northern New England.
Arrive 8:30 a. m., 12:15—10—8:00—4:40—11:45 p. m.
Close 1:00—2:30—11:55 a. m., 2:40—3:00—6:45—11:50 p. m.
New York City, South and West
Arrive 1:15—4:30—8:35—1:41 a. m., 12:00—4:10—7:40—8:40 p. m. Closed 1:1—4:15—11:55 a. m., 2:40—3:00—6:45—11:50 p. m.
Cassida.
Arrive 8:35 a. m., 12:15—11:00—3:30 p. m. Closed 1:10—1:50 p. m.
Pittsfield.
Arrive 8:30 a. m., 12:10—2:35—5:50—12:45 p. m. Closed 6:40—11:50 a. m., 1—3—5:40 p. m.
Meadowboro and Southern Vermont.
Arrive 12:15—8:00 p. m. Closed 9:35 a. m. Bartwellville and Stamford, Vt., Meadowsboro and Southern Vermont by stage. Arrive 12:00 p. m. Closed 1:30 p. m.
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Leave Adams—5:30, 5:45, 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30 a. m., 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45 p. m.
WILLIAMSTOWN LINE.
Leave North Adams—8:15, 9:35, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30 a. m., 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45 p. m.
Leave Williamstown—6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30 a. m., 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45 p. m.
BEAVER LINE.
Leave Main Street—6:30, 6:50, 7:20, 7:45, 8:15, 8:40, 9:05, 9:30, 9:55, 10:20, 10:45, 11:10, 11:35, 11:55, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45 p. m.
Leave Adams—6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30 a. m., 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45 p. m.
*To Zytomic only.
On Saturday and Sunday commencing at 1:30 p. m. cars run on both lines every 20 minutes.
8 a. m. p. m. workmen, 2 o'clock to Adams and Zytomic to North Adams.
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GOLDEN WEDDING

Pleasantly Celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Eber Sherman Thursday Evening.

IT WAS A VERY HAPPY OCCASION

House Filled With Relatives and Friends. Heartly Congratulations and Beautiful Gifts. Music and Sociability.

There was a very pleasant gathering Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eber Sherman, 47 Bracowell avenue, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of their marriage.
As the house is not large enough to accommodate all whom they would have been glad to have present, only relatives and a few of their near neighbors were invited and these made a company of about 50 people. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman received the hearty congratulations of all and the evening was passed in a happy social way. Mrs. H. M. Stafford contributed several whistling solos and piano selections to the great delight of the company, and a number of vocal selections were rendered by Mr. Sherman's daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman took part in a cotillion and surprised the company by their nimbleness on the floor.
Choice refreshments were served and a beautiful wedding cake was presented to the host and hostess. Dr. A. F. Davenport making the presentation in an appropriate and witty speech that was productive of much merriment. The large, frosted loaf bore the figures, "1847-1897," and was prettily trimmed with smilax and golden ribbon. The house was decorated with roses and other flowers, some of which were sent by friends from a distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman were married early in life, he being but 19 years old and she 16. They have had a happy and prosperous life together—not without its cares, perplexities and sorrows—but in the main they have been blessed beyond the common lot and have reached their golden wedding day in good health and spirits and with very much to be thankful for. Most of their life was passed in Williamstown till they moved to this city eight years ago, and they have a large number of friends here and elsewhere who join in extending sincere congratulations at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman received many appropriate gifts, among which were a dining room set from children, a picture, "The Golden Wedding," from Mrs. William Ford and Mrs. Little Warren, an elegant photograph holder from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherman and a hand-painted chop tray from Mrs. Charles Arnold. Dr. Stafford presented his photograph and Mrs. Sherman received from her daughters an elegant gold pin. The list of presents also included a few pieces of money.
Among the guests were Mrs. Monroe Temple, a sister of Mr. Sherman, and Mrs. William Ford, who is 77 years old and whose own golden wedding was celebrated a few years ago. Mr. Sherman's daughter Mrs. E. T. Shurtler of Hartford, Conn., was also present with her little daughter.

ELECTED NEW OFFICERS.

Annual Meeting Woman's Auxiliary, Y. M. C. A. Held Thursday Afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Woman's auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A. was held Thursday afternoon, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. H. W. Clark; secretary, Mrs. R. L. Chase; treasurer, Mrs. F. P. Pearson; vice-presidents, Mrs. George M. Darby, Baptist; Mrs. A. A. Wills, Methodist; Mrs. E. B. Hamblen, Congregational; Mrs. A. D. Miner, Episcopal; Mrs. E. H. Porter, Universalist; Mrs. E. M. Harrison, Braytonville chapel.

Chairman social committee—Mrs. C. E. Whitney; assistants, Miss Maud Blanchard and Miss May DeWolfe; rooms—Mrs. T. W. Sykes; relief—Mrs. George Hopkins; boy's branch—Mrs. A. A. Wills; devotional—Mrs. J. B. Pierce; flower—Mrs. C. H. Cutting; membership—Miss Veszie.

Tomorrow Night's Play.

The company that plays "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley" at the Columbia Saturday evening is the same company that has so greatly pleased audiences in Boston and New York. It is a fine company and a fine play. It is worth every TRANSCRIPT reader's time to see this play.

PO-TUN-SEAL.

A True Story for the Children

A tiny three year old girl climbed up to her chair at the breakfast table, and after having a napkin pinned about her neck surveyed the morning paper and finally said, in a quiet, sturdy way, "I want Po-tun-seal." "What is it daughter want?" "Po-tun-seal, Po-tun-seal," (said with emphasis).
After many conjectures, and recalling the fact that she had been served with a little cup of Postum Cereal the previous morning, it was decided that this was what the little one wanted, and when it was placed before her with a little cream and sugar in it, the charm, o'p, pleased, smile of thanks that dimpled the plump cheeks and chin, and looked out the violet eyes, would have been thanks enough to a king for the gift of an empire.
It makes our hearts grow strong with essence of life when we make a little child happy, and especially when we can give them what they like to eat or drink with the settled knowledge that pure and nourishing food is being taken into the stomach in an attractive form to be sure, in Postum the health coffee, but retaining all the nutriment and fastening qualities of the pure cereal. Made by the Postum Cereal Co., Limited, Battle Creek Mich.
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TIME AND WEATHER PILLAR.

One Will Be Erected in Due Time in This City.

A few days ago the TRANSCRIPT contained a reference to the time and weather pillar which it was announced some time since was to be erected on Main street. Mr. Orr sent a copy of the paper to the company in New York, from which he has received the following letter:

New York, February 16, 1897.
W. F. Orr, Esq.,
M'gr Postal Tel. Cable Co.,
North Adams, Mass.

Dear Sir:—We have just received copy of TRANSCRIPT. Many thanks for your kindness. We are not surprised to read the comment in the paper as to the non-appearance of the time and weather pillar. A little more patience and one will soon be seen in your city. We have had our expected and totally unforeseen delays at our foundry, but 25 of the columns are just being completed for shipment.

The first one of our new model has just been erected in Jersey City. A part of the 25 above named are going to be distributed through New England, and your city will receive one soon.

Please inform all inquirers as to this fact, and when they see the column in all its beauty they will forget any delay there may have been by receiving a much more than was expected.

Yours very truly,
The Time and Weather Pillar Co.,
E. E. SUTTON, Secretary.

CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTED.

Matter of Incorporating Postponed Until Next Year.

At the adjourned meeting of the Congregational church Thursday evening the committee appointed to arrange for the incorporating of the church and the society again reported. After a lengthy discussion it was voted to re-commit the matter to the committee and instruct them to report at the next annual church meeting. The following officers were chosen:

Clerk, B. Barnard; treasurer, W. W. Richmond; members of the church committee, George French, R. L. Chase; member of music committee, R. L. Chase; third assistant Sunday school superintendent, C. W. Ford.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Columbia Saturday Evening.

"The Sunshine of Paradise Alley" which comes to the Columbia Saturday evening, recently closed a six weeks run of enormous business at the Tremont theatre, Boston, and will no doubt score as remarkable a triumph here as it did at the Hub. The company is the best all around one that has been seen in this city for many a day, and the whole production in its picturesque and massive scenic effects is one which commands attention and admiration at once for its superb presentation. There are 34 people on the stage.

"The Star Gazer."

Joe Ott and his merry company of comedians, singers and dancers, including Phil Ott, Matt Ott, the Clipper quartette and 20 others will give a repetition of their great hit last season here in "The Star Gazer." At the Columbia Tuesday evening.

Bazaar Will Open Saturday.

The Robert Brunet bazaar will open in Hoosac Savings bank building Saturday evening. A good concert has been arranged and a large attendance is expected as the sale of season tickets has been satisfactory. The donation from local merchants and friends of the society are many and handsome. The tables have been numbered and will be in charge of the following ladies with their assistants: No. 1, Miss Nora Buckley and Miss Kate Frendegast; No. 2, Miss Mamie Connors and Miss M. Prendergast; No. 3, Miss Kate Mead and Miss Alice King; No. 4, Miss Lizzie McLaure; lottery table, Miss Kate King and Miss Nellie Reagan.

The Third of the Series.

The third of the series of dances by the Western Gateway club was held in the Columbia opera house Thursday evening. About 50 couples attended and a pleasant evening was spent. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock with music by the Ideal orchestra, and continued until about 1:30 o'clock this morning, with a short intermission at midnight.

Vocal Society Meeting.

The Vocal society met for a regular rehearsal Thursday evening. Treasurer Curtis submitted a report of the financial condition of the society, which is such that the music committee may select what artists they wish for the closing concert of the season, April 20. Different artists were considered but no decision arrived at Thursday evening.

The Last of the Series.

The entertainment by the Grecian Art Tableau company at the Columbia opera house this evening will be the last of the course under the Y. M. C. A. auspices. The company is an excellent one and deserves a large audience.

HOOSAC SAVINGS BANK

Deposits begin to draw interest Dec. 1, March 1, June 1, Sept. 1.

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W. W. Richmond
H. W. Webster

BERKSHIRE NEW YORKERS.

Meet At Tenth Annual Dinner and Elect Officers.

The 10th annual dinner of the Berkshire society of New York was held at the Arena, 41 West Thirty-first street, Thursday evening. It was unusually successful. The attendance was full and the speakers were in excellent form. This was the first dinner since the admission into the club of natives of the northern half of Berkshire county, and the accessions included some eminent residents of New York, among them Charles Bickley Hubbard, president of the board of education of New York and president of the alumni of Williams college in New York.

In reply to the toast, "The north country," Mr. Hubbard spoke both humorously and feelingly, paying a fine tribute to his alma mater Williamsstown as a spot where "men were idly and earnestly working to make better men and better conditions." Before the dinner a business meeting of the society was held, and the following officers were chosen for the succeeding year: President, Thomas Greenwood; vice-president, Charles H. Williams; secretary, Dr. Arthur B. Norton; chairman of the entertainment committee, Mrs. Pascal T. Hubbard.

FROM THE LEGISLATURE.
Woman Suffrage Defeated. Gypsy Moth Bill. North Adams Bill Passed.

The House devoted Thursday afternoon to the woman suffrage amendment to the constitution and the debate was different from the debates of past years in that it was occupied more with the question of expediency than of principle. Less of the time than usual was devoted to the fundamental reasons for suffrage and more was devoted to asserting the expediency or inexpediency of submitting the amendment to the people in view of the vote against the suffrage in 1895. The members were recorded 33 in favor of the amendment to 88 against it, and 21 pairs.

The Senate is dead set against the gypsy moth and after a debate occupying much time Wednesday and Thursday voted by 22 to 7 not to cut down the house appropriation bill from \$150,000 to \$400,000.

By 12 to 17 the House voted down the amendment of Mr. Pierce of Milton to limit the North Adams school bonds from 30 years to 20 and passed the bill to be engrossed.

A Pleasant Birthday Surprise.

A pleasant surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sorrell of State street Thursday evening, when about 100 friends called at his home. Mr. Sorrell was presented with a handsome banquet lamp and stand and an elegant chair in honor of his birthday. All had been well arranged and shortly after the guests arrived they went to Collin's hotel and enjoyed dancing in the vacant room until early this morning. Clapp's full orchestra furnished music. A supper was served at Mr. Sorrell's restaurant.

District Court.

The following cases were in court this morning:
Clarence B. Larabee, drunk, fined \$5.
Edwin V. Eaton, drunk, house of coorrection for 30 days.
Henry Rolland, drunk, fined \$2.00.
Anna Melkijohn, drunk, continued to March 5.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—The stock and fixtures in O. G. Underwood's grocery store on Center street were auctioned off this morning by Sheriff C. L. Fryk to Lawyer O. J. Parkhurst for \$500.

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Boland's Block, Main St.

The next meeting of the Farmers' club will be at E. P. Williams', Wednesday, February 24.
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THE CITY WATER.

Satisfactory Reports From Samples Sent to the State Authorities.

Superintendent Hodge recently sent samples of the city water to the state board of health for analysis, and has received the following satisfactory reply: State Board of Health,

Chief Engineer's Office,
Boston, Mass., February 17, 1897.
William F. Hodge,
Supt. Water Works,
North Adams, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I send herewith the analyses of water from the Notch Brook and Broad Brook Reservoirs, as you requested. You will find by comparing the last sample from Notch Brook with those taken during 1896 that the hardness was very much less than the hardness of any sample analyzed last year, instead of being greater. By noticing the hardness of the water drawn from the wells which are used in summer as an additional supply you will find that, as compared with the water from this source, which has a hardness of 23.0, the water of Notch Brook is quite soft.

Yours truly,
(Signed) WILLIAM F. JONKHOFF,
Assistant Engineer.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

W. S. Underwood spent the week in Bennington, Vt., on business.

W. W. Richmond of the Hoosac Savings bank is in New York.

A. C. Simmons, John Crowley, John McNamara, Miss Katherine McGue, Miss Jennie McFarren and Lizzie Orr attended the Western Gateway dance at North Adams Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. Darrow and two children, Robert and Anna, and Miss Sarah Raycroft attended the McAuley-White wedding at West HEBRON, N. Y., Tuesday.

Andrew McAuley, who has been visiting relatives in New York state for a few days, returned home Thursday night.

Robert Vosburg is ill with tonsillitis. His position as driver for T. W. Sykes is being filled by D. P. Eddy.

Miss May Parker is ill at her home o Bracowell avenue.

HEMLOCK BROOK.

Augustus Torrey, in his 84 year, has once more rallied from a long sickness, the result of an accident last fall and is again at work at the steam saw mill. Mr. Torrey is a good representative of the "old guard" of a century nearly passed, who never surrendered to the infirmities of age, climate or conditions till the very last moment.

Lyman Galusha has had his entire herd of Jersey cows disbanded. The job was done by David Thompson and Mr. Richards of the White Oaks.

John F. Frintle is putting in his second installment of ice from the pond of John Brookman.

The Galusha brothers have been doing custom jobs at their saw mill for the past two weeks, and pending some repairs to be made, will get out spruce and other lumber for their mountain lot.

George Brookman, with teams and men has been drawing cord wood from the Elan Gardner mountain lot. The latter has a large lot of ash lumber at the mill, which he expects to ship to an Albany party.

A pleasant social party was that at the house of Edgar Hixox last Friday evening. Music and dancing were apart of the amusements, refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed by all.

Mrs. D. B. Galusha had quite an unpleasant experience while returning Friday from a visit to her father in Berlin. With her son, she had nearly reached the top of the mountain, when their sleigh overset by the furious wind and snow, which raked one of the hills and obliged him to turn back. Only for a wire fence their robes and blankets would have been blown beyond recovery.

The dancing school conducted by Miss Eva Sheldon of North Adams was reopened Saturday night in Grange hall. Quite a number of young people from this neighborhood attend and are well pleased with their teacher.

Mrs. Sampson Sanders is slowly recovering from the effects of a badly sprained ankle, caused by stepping upon a defective part of the walk at Petersburg depot a few weeks ago. Mrs. S. A. Hixox was similarly afflicted by the accidental overthrow of a heavy flower vase on the casement of her bay window, and is yet unable to use her foot. To complete the list of casualties occurring about the same time in this neighborhood, it may be added that a workman in the employ of H. P. Galusha got his foot and ankle caught under a log in the wood, rendering him unfit for work.

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NORTH FOWNAL.

Mura Barber moved to Blackinton last week and commenced work for William Gove.

Mrs. Annie Montgomery of Fownal visited with her parents here part of last week.

The operetta "Little Bo-Peep" was well attended, considering the weather, Friday evening, February 12.

A series of meetings will be held at the M. E. church here, commencing this Wednesday evening.

For Fine Job Printing come to THE TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

WANT TO BE POLICEMAN.

Thirty-Six Men Take the Civil Service Examination Thursday.

An examination of candidates for positions on the police force was held in room 10, Drury academy, Thursday afternoon by the civil service board, composed of O. A. Archer, George French and A. W. Chippen dale. Chief Examiner Henry W. Sherwin of Boston was also present. The following 36 men took the examination:

J. E. Dooling, Edw. E. White, Jas. H. Kolesher, Thos. Hanohy, Jas. J. Walsh, P. O'Leary, Danforth W. Blanchard, Patrick H. Bailey, Sidney E. Houvan, J. E. Robertson, W. H. Gaddes, H. F. Sherman, James Callaghan, J. J. Brennan, A. M. Gunning, Patrick Walsh, P. J. Flaherty, M. W. Mulaney, D. St. Denis, W. P. Sheehan, Q. W. Healey, F. L. Stimoda, C. E. Blanchard, Joseph Nelson, W. P. Houseweller, Patrick Mahoney, M. A. Stafford, E. L. Canedy, J. E. Morrisey, M. W. Bates, P. S. Urell, W. M. Pratence, F. Guerlin, Timothy C. Buckley, E. Beliveau, G. B. Chilson.

SOUTH WILLIAMSTOWN.

Rev. Mr. Cole preached in this place last Sunday both morning and evening, in exchange with Mr. Morritt, who occupied his pulpit in West Hoosac.

There was a cottage prayer meeting last Saturday night at the home of Deacon F. S. Young, which was well attended.

Last Wednesday evening a large company from the White Oaks improved the sleighing and about 60 in number attended the Y. P. S. O. E. meeting in this place. After the meeting light refreshments were served.

Last Saturday afternoon a school from North Adams, about 60 children, took a sleighride to this place stopping at Idlewild for refreshments.

A small party from Williamstown took a ride and supper at Idlewild Saturday night and Monday evening a large party from Williamstown had a supper and dance and on Tuesday evening another party was entertained. Business will doubtless be rubbing as long as the good sleighing continues.

Mrs. Emma Kelly of Holyoke with her cousin, Miss Mary Noyes of Williamstown recently called on friends in this place.

Mrs. George Roberts and father of Lanesboro called on friends in this place last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Young entertained a large party last Tuesday evening. Dr. Porter arrived at his home last Thursday from Brooklyn where he had been a few weeks caring for a patient.

Lewis Grant who was laid up with rheumatism a few days last week is again able to be out.

A number of persons from this place attended the funeral of Mrs. Betsey Tiltonmore in Hancock last Thursday afternoon.

DAVIS BRIDGE.

Mrs. Maranda Knowlton has been visiting her brother, Henry Wheeler.

A. P. Carpenter is home from Boston, and we understand he is to open a law office in North Adams.

R. Bowker of Bridgeport, Conn., has been visiting at E. Wheeler's.

The body of Mrs. Chandler Pike was interred in the Wheeler cemetery during the heavy snow fall.

Elmer Babbitt is improving.

HOOSAC TUNNEL.

Mr. and Mrs. Pedigree have moved from Florida to the village and he has his old position on the railroad.

Thomas Calverley who has been ill the past four weeks resumed work on Thursday and his many friends were glad to see him about again.

Edward Hill of North Upton is visiting his aunt, Mrs. William Newman.